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Bobcat Team celebrating after taking the Class I Title at Lundholm Gym, UNH at the March Tourney.

SUPT. POWERS DISCUSSES STUDENT PRIVACY, TRUST

by Abby Burton

Supt. John Powers said that student-faculty relations depend on

to screen the paper for objectionable material.

"We'd like to respect that the students and

censorship issue out of the mistake.

Mr. Powers said that trust also extended to

PRO-EDUCATION SENTIMENT WINS AS O.R. DISTRICT APPROVES BUDGET

by Mark DeRocchi and Erin McNelly

The School Board district Meeting held on March 3, 1992 at Oyster River High School produced a strong showing of pro-education spending. The overall 1992-1993 School District budget proposed for this meeting was passed with little opposition. The budget included a \$393,444 teacher salary raise that caused much controversy at last years meeting. This years bud get is part of an effort to "maintain Oyster Rivers educational standards in difficult economic times" as called by the School Board (10.58% raise over two years). There was still controversy about the budget and where money needs to be right now in the economic state of New Hampshire.

Commenting on this year's proposed budget, Ann Brown stated it was "the barest of bare budgets". She hoped that

it was going to be past because she felt, referring to the education spending that "the students deserve it".

Although not all of the voters were in approval of the raise, the turn out this year was very "pro-spending" and the budget passed very easily. Most of the voters also agreed that the teachers deserved the raise (Article 16). Mrs. Brown commented about about the voters being

"historically very trusting in this school." Although with the bad shape of the economy, increase in spending is generally opposed.

The meeting resulted in a passage of all pro-spending articles. The 16 articles and their results were....

Article 1-2: "Election of District Moderator (Dale Swanson) and two School Board Members (John Lewis and Marty Gooze)

Article 3: Acknowledge

Contributions on Behalf of the District

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Article 6: Reports of Agents and Auditors.

Article 7: Authorization to Contract an Auditor.

Article 8: Deficit Appropriation -- Special Needs Tuition.

Article 9: Approval of Labor Agreements.

Article 10: Amending the Negotiated Salary Increase for 1992-1993 Teacher.

Article 11: Teacher Salaries -- Negotiated Agreement (approved).

Article 12: Custodial and Secretarial Salaries (approved).

Article 13: Bus Driver Salaries -- Year 3 (approved).

Article 14: Authorization for Bus Lease/Purchase Agreement (approved).

...saying, "People don't learn values of trust without being trusted." This atmosphere of trust applies directly to the issue of censorship of student publications.

According to the O.R. School Board policy code adopted in 1971, freedom of expression for all student publications shall be bound by the canons of good journalism.

In 1988 the Supreme Court of the U.S. ruled that school boards have the right to examine school papers in advance of publication and remove material it viewed as obscene, libelous or disruptive to the order of the school.

Despite this ruling, the Oyster River Board still bypasses the chance

...journalism. Trust and respect is more important," said Mr. Powers, "that the threat of libel."

Mr. Powers acknowledged that the Board does feel some degree of risk, but they feel it is outweighed by the importance of preserving a relationship of trust.

Powers expressed that it is the students' job to look over the paper, not the administration.

In the event that some damaging material got into the paper, Mr. Powers said that he hoped that advisors and administrators would meet to discuss how the problem occurred, what can be done about it, and how to avoid it in the future without making a

...about possible invasion of privacy regarding the administration's policing of bathrooms.

Mr. Powers was aware that some bathroom doors are chained open. He said that he could approve of the practice if a reasonable degree of privacy was preserved and it cut down on the incidence of smoking. His justification of the action was to deter smoking and curb possible drug use or dealing.

Powers cited state law banning smoking and characterized the open door policy as "easier for supervision, more difficult for the smoker."

Many students claimed that "lookouts" cancelled out the effectiveness of the open doors.

FOLLIES ATTENDANCE BREAKS 10-YR. RECORD

By Shannon Veno and Tim Myers

Senior follies was held on March 19th and 20th in the cafeteria from 8:00 to 10:30pm. Friday's performance drew a larger crowd than had ever been seen at a Follies performance.

Thursday night's performance went over well, despite the fact there had only been two nights of rehearsals where the participants knew the actual order of skits. During Friday night's performance a few rough spots arose including obscene gestures and students exposing themselves on stage. Many felt the controversy was overdone. Said junior Matt Swanson, "It was funny. I don't see what the big deal is all about." These issues are currently being dealt with by the administration.

Approximately 90 out of 120 seniors were involved with some aspect of the production. This was a greater outcome than expected, due to the advance in date. Previous follies were held in mid-May.

With an average size

crowd on Thursday night, the class brought in approximately \$500. Friday night doors were closed at 8:15 due to the lack of space available for more people. It is speculated that the attendance to Friday night's performance broke ten

year's worth of records of drama attendance for any single performance. The only other school performance said to have an equal or greater attendance was the 1982 production of "God Spell."



Dean Kennedy in "Annoying Man" Skit.



Nicole Bellabona files her petition for student council with current vice president Kevin Haley.

Student Council

ELECTIONS FRIDAY

By Steve Crawford

Elections for the '92-93 Student council will take place on Friday, March 27th during the lunch periods. The candidate for president of the student council is Chuck Bryon.

Bryon was asked what his goals were for next year if he were to be elected president. "I'd like to create a better student-faculty/administration relationship. I'd like to do that by having a student-faculty/administration debate forum. Important issues would be brought up to try to solve problems for both the students and the faculty/administration. I'd also like to have a bonfire and arrange a summer blow-out."

Other candidates for office are: Vice President, Nicole Bellabona, Secretary, Susan Morris, Treasurer,

Amanda McAuley.

Each class elects three representatives. Junior representative candidates are: Russ Warren, Chris Hansen, Monica Dufour, Becky Bucar, and Sara Shoemaker. Sophomore representative candidates are: Alexia Tayler, Kasey Evans and Hunt Howell. Freshman representative candidates are: Kelly Deforest, Ryan Bellabona, Ted Olsen, Aaron Tyler and Andrew Gault.

The student council elections were moved up to the end of March from the original date in June. By having the student council elections three months earlier, the new members will be able to get started from the first day of school. Senioritis tends to be another problem occurring

late in the year, so by having the elections earlier, the seniors who have become less interested in the student council will be able to give up their positions. These seniors will still act as advisors helping to get the new student council going.

This year's student council president, Eric Ritvo commented on how he thought the year went. "I think the year went well even though we lacked a teacher advisor and had scheduling problems due to miscommunication."

Newly-elected School Board Rep Stefany Shaheen commented, "My main goal is to allow the student body to be heard and I'd like to make sure that information brought out by the School Board will be available to the students."

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EXPLO WRITES MUSICAL

by Stephen Crawford
This year's musical will be a first for OR—a show written from scratch by over twenty students and Mr. Ervin in a unique process of group sharing.

In a new class called EXPLO (Exploring the Performing Arts) the students will be writing the story, the music, and the staging instructions for the musical scheduled for May.

At this point, the students in the class are exploring the ideas of what should be in the play by writing lists of "what if" questions to come up with group ideas about the different topics they have for the play. They have also been writing their own music, and then deciding where that music should go. All of the students are expected to contribute their ideas to the play.

Writing musicals is not

a new thing for Dave Ervin, nor is collaborating with students. Two years ago he worked with Anita Mathur both in the writing and the directing of the play, "Paper Elephants." The year before that, Mr. Ervin worked with Karen Gooze in the writing and directing of "Heads or Tails."

This year, Mr. Ervin is working with twenty students in the writing of a play yet to be named. The tryouts for the play will be held in April. So far, all of Mr. Ervin's plays have turned out to be successful.

Mr. Ervin commented on EXPLO, a new concept of performing arts education. "I want to offer a class that is flexible enough to push in new directions so that the students can say what they want say through the performing arts."

The idea for EXPLO was thought up four years ago

by Dave Ervin, but the school administration wouldn't allow the program because they believed in teaching formal technical performing arts, such as the chamber singers. There had been a large amount of interest for the program throughout the community.

Many people were interested in forming a music program where you don't have to be a musical wizard or prodigy in order to take part in the class. EXPLO is a class that anybody can be a part of as long as he/she is willing to be imaginative and share his/her ideas.

Mr. Ervin was asked why he wanted to start EXPLO, and said, "I've been frustrated that there wasn't another class that focused on communication in the performing arts but hopefully not at the expense of technical skill."



Class of '92 follies ends with "End of the World."

ECONOMY HITS HOME

Some O.R. families struggling to keep homes, find jobs.

by Kerri MacPherson

Many times, people think of someone who is unemployed as being lazy, underqualified, or unambitious. Jonas Scavelli (for the sake of confidentiality, the name has been changed) is neither lazy nor unambitious. He doesn't have a degree from college, but he is qualified and competent at what he does. He just doesn't have a job.

The Scavellis were a run-of-the-mill average, everyday middle class family. They moved to the Seacoast in December of 1987, after Jonas had been transferred to a company plant in Dover.

A raise came as part of a good relocation package. They were able to buy a house that was larger than the one they had previously owned and trade their station wagon in for a newer vehicle. Lydia Scavelli, Jonas' wife, found a part time job as a secretary because there was little else for her to do in the unfamiliar area.

In April of 1990, which is now being targeted as the beginning of the recession, the computer company Jonas worked for gave him a choice: move to Col-

getting adjusted to the move they had just made, and their youngest refused to move again, happy in the area.

Lydia extended her hours so she was working full time. They lived off her \$15,000 salary and the severance checks. Jonas began taking care of the house, and sending out resumes.

Things were much more difficult than either of them had predicted. The recession had left any middle management employees looking for jobs. Jonas had built up tenure over the sixteen years he worked for the computer company. Without a degree, his experience meant nothing to the employers who received thousands of younger, college graduate applicants.

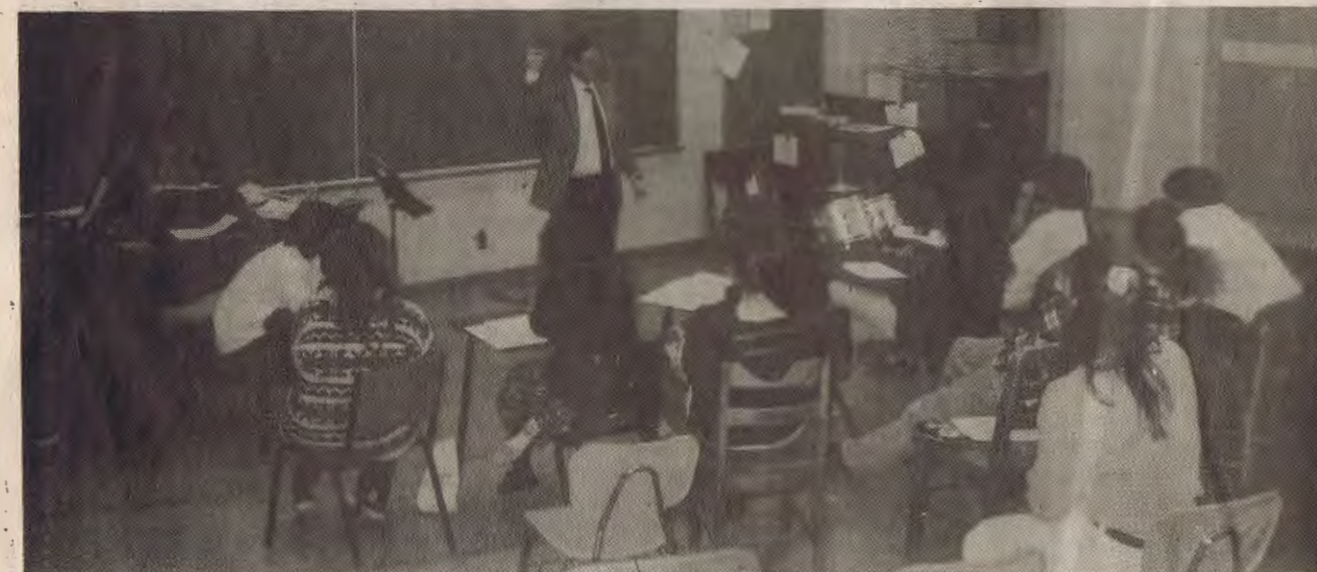
It is believed that the economy in New England will take fifteen years to recover. Official reports say differently, but the Scavellis find it hard to be optimistic. Their severance pay ran out in September of 1990, and last fall, Jonas' unemployment checks stopped. He was able to find a temporary job in Rochester after the unemploy-

frain from buying anything that isn't immediately needed, don't eat out, fix it themselves, or go without. It's a stressful situation, but it's all they can do.

Jonas continues to send out resumes, averaging over twenty-five a week. He gets about that many rejection letters in return. He's had job interviews, but nothing has come close to panning out. They've asked their oldest child, a sixteen year old boy to look for a job, but there is nothing out there that Jason can find. Many of the jobs teenagers traditionally held are now occupied by adults who have had no other alternative.

As the months go by, the Scavellis find it harder and harder to stay optimistic. Unable to provide the maintenance of their possessions they once were able to, they are constantly reminded of their situation. A large color television sits silent in the living room, no money to repair it. Their car runs more loudly by the month, and they are just waiting for it to go.

Jason needs jeans and



Dave Ervin instructs students in the Expo course

Doug Grissom Tells Huge Secret - The All-Time Top Ten Pick-Up Lines

By Doug Grissom

Since the beginning of

like me" when she's just thinking to herself "why doesn't this guy tell me that he was taking notes

needy.

Definitely in a class of its own.

5. I'm single and

to find the perfect pick up line, a line that not only charms but sets the perfect mood.

A good pick up line is like the appetizer before the meal, whereas a bad pick up line is like a car without the gas.

We all know that a good pick up line is hard to come by, and that being original is usually done by saying to either him/her that "yes I did make that one up myself." That line is basically a security blanket for us guys. I know that for myself. It makes me think that "yea, maybe she does

vey shows are the top ten pick up lines:

1. Excuse me but I think you are very good looking.
- This is a personal favorite of mine and, no joke, it works.
2. If I compliment your body will you hold it against me?
- This line works on the dumb ones.
3. What's your sign?
- If you fall for this one it's truly your fault.
4. I have needs. You have needs. Lets not be

- good looking?
- This is for those hungry ones.
7. I drive a fast, expensive car.
- This is one for the greedy gold diggers.
8. Your father must have been a thief when he stole the sparkle from the stars and put them in your eyes.
- This is for the love struck romantic people.
9. Excuse me, but have'nt we met before?
- You have to be pretty time warped for this one.
10. Where have you been all my life?
- No comment at all.

Believing he would find a job soon, the Scavellis agreed that acceptance of the severance pay would be the best choice for all. Their oldest child was still having difficulty

leased the week after Christmas, all for minimum wage.

The Scavellis have cut back on all they can to try and stay ahead of the game, and it gets harder to do each month. They clip coupons, re-

Both cats have yet to be vaccinated since 1990. Property taxes were paid late. Hopefully, help will come in some form before they lose their house or car.

Senior/Junior Classes-What's Going On??

by Ryan Souza

The senior and junior classes are brainstorming ideas for how to bring about more class unity. The senior class is having difficulty, but the juniors feel that their unity is above all other classes.

On January 18, the senior class had a ski trip to Mount Cranmore. There was low attendance, but

senior class Vice-President Jonah Salloway said, "The ski trip was successful. It was fun." Salloway went on to say that it is hard to get the class organized and that people don't feel they need to out with the class and deal with chaperones.

Class President Anita Mathur said that the class is focusing on Senior Follies and have not

talked about plans for afterwards. She said that a senior breakfast could be in order, but it is not final. An anonymous student had this to say, "As a class, we have not met much. Where's Jim and Greg when you need them?"

Junior class President Chris Jerard and Vice-President Darren Miller have more on their agenda for their class this year. A possible idea was a skating and sledding party, but it fell through due to the weather. There are plans for a trip to a Red Sox game during the spring, as well as fund raisers to build up their low treasury. An ice cream

smorgasboard is being tossed around as another idea and a Junior-Senior softball game has yet to be planned.

Overall, the goal of the junior class officers is to have events to involve everybody. Secretary Jen Friel agrees with the idea of getting everyone together. She said, "We have a really close class and everyone likes to get together and have fun." Juniors Holly McKay and Nahanni Rous believe that the class has always been close, but not through class activities. According to the officers, "We love our class. The unity is special and out of the ordinary for this school."



Various students preparing for Language Arts Festival

'92 Language Festival

will involve over 200 students



by Jen Hamilton

Once upon a time, there were many foreign language students. They were most unhappy due to the unsightly state of their grades. The teachers took pity. They created an experience that provided the students with the opportunity to improve their grades through extra credit and their parents the chance to eat, drink, and be merry. The festivities took hold as the salvation of the students' grades. It became known as the "Foreign Language Festival". And now the tradition continues...

This year Foreign Language night is to be held on Thursday, March 26, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Basically, the format will be the same as with previous years; there will be food, slide shows, art exhibits and much more. This year, however, the use of video will be incorporated into the agenda. French 5 and Spanish 4 will stage mock T.V. broadcasts.

The festival is open to parents, teachers, and, of course, students. (They receive extra credit toward their third quarter grade.) Those

who attend will have the opportunity to sample the customs and food of other countries, as well as spend an evening hearing a variety of different languages. Principal Ann Draper Brown said "It's great! I always enjoy it, and the food is good!"

Language students have spent the last two weeks getting ready for the big event. Senior Erica Beck commented "The festival is fun. The best part of it is singing and preparing for it in class."

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AMBULANCE CORPS: LIFE ON THE EDGE

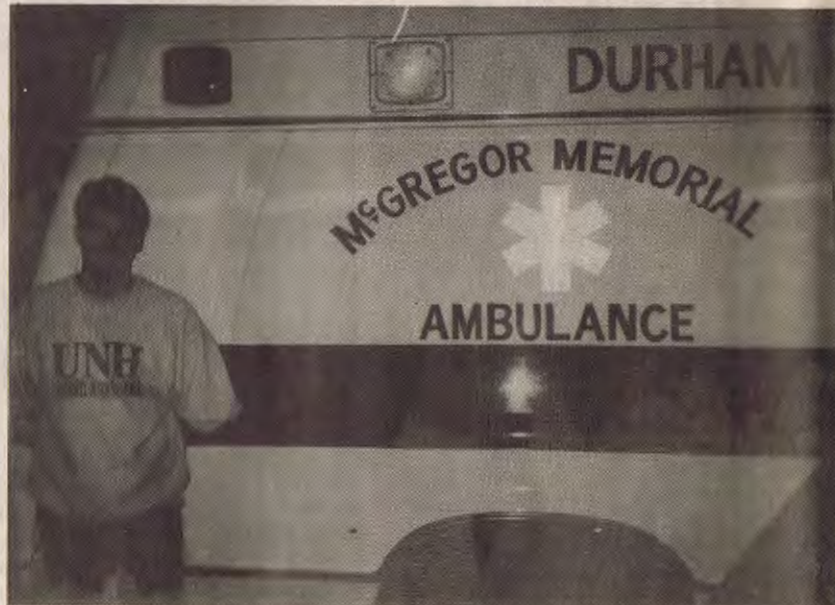
By Matt Swanson

It's two a.m. and there is a silent calm everywhere. Suddenly, the silence is pierced by a lone siren wailing in the distance. Flashing lights, synonymous with the siren, can soon be seen flashing on and off, warning all those around of it's existence. The ambulance can now be seen, rocketing down the road at speeds most likely seen at the Indy 500. Their precious cargo is on its way to the hospital, and their job is to try and see that she's able to see one more sunrise, one more sunset, and maybe one more blooming flower. A pregnant woman, Jane*, clings to life in the back of the ambulance, her unborn child already lost but her life still in the balance. Her stillborn baby boy was killed by the impact of the automobile crash on route 125 near Lee. "Hurry up! We're losing her!" one of the E.M.T.'s yells up to the driver. Just then they pull up to the hospital and within a second she is ushered into the emergency room of the hospital.

This is just an example of the everyday life of an Emergency Medical Technician, (E.M.T. for short). They don't have a regular 9 to 5 working day. Emergency calls can come in at all times and they have to be there to respond on a moments notice.

Wayne Smith has been and E.M.T. for 2 years and has been with the Durham Ambulance Corps for 1 and a half. He was introduced to the idea of becoming an E.M.T. by a friend of his. "My friend was a medic in the Army and he suggested I should

taking the E.M.T. course would be a great experience for me. Also the idea of saving lives and helping people appealed to me." He signed up to take the course, rode with an ambulance, and observed in the emergency room of a hospital. He found it to be tiring but exciting at the same time. He enjoyed the feeling he got from helping people in bad situations.



To become an E.M.T., Wayne had to take a class through U.N.H. in order to learn the basic skills that he needed to know. The class called for 110 hours in classroom learning and then an additional 20 hours of observing in a hospital E.R. To try and narrow down who in the class was really cut out to do this line of work, the class was shown slides of extreme trauma cases. An example of an extreme trauma case was a slide of a man who had been cut in half completely by a shark attack. After that slide show, about half the class decided that this was not the job for them. The rest stayed on to

become E.M.T.s.

Wayne got his first chance to use what he had learned in class when he went home for the summer. He got a job working at a local supermarket. One day as he was working a woman suddenly started showing signs that she was going to have a seizure. By using what he had learned in class, Wayne was able to help the woman until the ambulance arrived.

Because of his training, he was able to prevent any injuries to the woman. "It was a very rewarding experience."

As soon as Wayne returned to school next semester, he signed up to help with the Durham Ambulance Corps. Soon after joining with D.A.C. he got to go on his first call.

A man trimming limbs had accidentally cut a power line sending a huge surge of electricity pulsing through his body. The electricity had run right from his arm out his leg, missing his heart. If it had hit his heart it could have meant heart failure or death.

paralyzed. He was also having trouble speaking. It was nerve-wracking." They rushed the man to the hospital and he was taken care of from there.

One of the worst parts about being an E.M.T. is that you don't always know how a situation turns out with a patient. In the case of Jane, the woman in the accident, her condition was known due to a personal connection with someone in the D.A.C. otherwise, the patients final condition is unknown once they enter the hospital. This makes it hard for them to find out what they could have done better to help the patient more efficiently.

Another drawback to the job is stress. Stress from too many calls in a row can buildup and lead to burnout. To deal with stress, Wayne finds that just backing off helps him. "I like to get away for a while and rest."

Being an E.M.T. for the D.A.C. is great for Wayne, but it's voluntary and doesn't pay. Right now he's majoring in Engineering at UNH but if he decides to continue in the field of lifesaving, with some more schooling he could become a paramedic. Being a paramedic is a good paying job and is good for someone like Wayne who enjoys the work. Wayne best described being a paramedic as being, "the doctor's hands in the field." Doctors aren't usually found outside the hospital saving lives but E.M.T.'s like Wayne are the people who are out there in every condition to save lives. A tip from Wayne was to "have faith in what you



(L-R): Eric Ritvo, Katie Crawford, Jamie Smith, and Scott Poteet on their way to Sadie Hawkins.

Sadie Hawkins "Night" a Success

By: Sarla DeGeorge

Oyster River's annual Sadie Hawkins dance was held on Friday, February 28, 1992 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The cafeteria was decorated in the "night" theme. There were streamers on the ceiling and stars and moons made of aluminum foil scattered the walls. Mark DeRocchi said, "It was really a surprise, I think the student council did a great job making the cafeteria look nice." Jim Spires said, "No one wants to come to school on a Friday night, but I was glad they finally put the D.J. somewhere other than the stage!" (the D.J. was stationed on the side of the cafeteria underneath the mural).

The origin for the theme of Sadie Hawkins dance was introduced in the 1930's as an invention of Alvin Karpis.

titled, "Li'l Abner." Sadie Hawkins was the name of one of his characters who was considered so very unattractive that no one would ask her to the dance. He introduced the day as an occasion up-on which the maidens and spinsters (including Sadie) of the mythical town of Dogpatch pursue the unattached males of the community in a free-for-all race, the males being obligated to "marry up" with the females who caught them. However, the male is simply the temporary property of his captor, avoiding the permanent bond of marriage.

The original ritual of marriage was considered to have been sexist, but now things have been changed and so have partner roles, both in society and relationships. As one student said, "It doesn't really matter now because girls ask guys to

THREE ONE-ACTS TO BE PERFORMED IN SENIOR DRAMA FESTIVAL APRIL 9-11

by Mery McCleery

On April 9th, 10th, and 11th, Oyster River's stage will be filled with activity as the tradition of senior directed plays continues. The three one acts range from serious drama in "The Comedian" (despite the title it is actually a serious play) directed by Skot Long, to total farce in "Something's Rotten in the State of Denmark," directed by Stefanie Adams.

For those who want a mix of both, "God's Mop," written by senior Kyle Downey and directed by Emily Franzosa is the perfect combination.

Author Kyle Downey expressed some concern about the audience's reactions. "I hope that people don't take it as a total comedy because it is not meant to be." "God's Mop" portrays two English 'terrorists' who can't do anything right. When they finally manage a hijack, it turns out to be only a bus, and the only passenger is a dirt poor poet.

The story unfolds as the

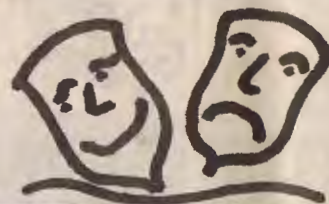
'terrorists' figure out what to do next. "I think it's a wonderfully written play. I have complete faith in my cast," said director Emily Franzosa.

Director of "The Comedian" Skot Long has no preconceived ideas of the audience's reactions for his production. "I just want what every other actor wants. I want to entertain the audience."

"The Comedian" acts out the tale of Genesius, the "First Actor of Rome," and his conflict between his faith, the newly formed Christianity, and the power structure of Rome. "I may make them feel but I can't make them think," said Skot Long.

"It's better than Cats. You'll want to see it again and again and again," said Stefanie Adams, director of "Something's Rotten in the State of Denmark." For her production, Stefanie hopes for a lot of audience participation. She feels that those who watch it will either be confused or

The original play was based on Shakespeare's Hamlet, albeit loosely, and Stefanie has made some personal changes. As to what you can expect now...according to Stefanie, "Live chickens, male bonding, spankies, lots of gratuitous violence, rabbits, economics, and nifty costumes."



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**WHO: SENIORS & JUNIORS
AND THEIR DATES**

WHEN: MAY 15TH

LOCATION: FRANK JONES CENTER

13 O.R. FRENCH STUDENTS EXPERIENCE QUEBEC LIFE

by Jennifer Hamilton

On a February trip to Quebec, thirteen French students accompanied by two teacher chaperones got to experience a meshing of cultures.

One of the major culture shocks occurred when the students went into McDonalds. They were surprised to discover the menu was entirely in French. "Ordering a Big Mac turned out to be a lot harder than it used to be," quoted one of the students.

McDonalds wasn't the only moment of culture shock, however. EVERYTHING was spoken in French; even the T.V. programs such as "Sesame Street" and "Degrassi Junior High".

Ski lessons were also taught in French. The students spent two days and one evening on the slopes of Stoneham, the fifth largest resort in Canada.

Tours and a treasure hunt through the streets of Old Quebec were spoken in French. The students learned a great deal about tradition, as well as improving their French. They went to a Soiree Folklorique where they experienced traditional French music and dance. They also took part in a multi-cultural dance with Ontario students. They learned about the fair city

through the use of slide shows. Freshman Jennifer Brudnicki commented "Some of the instructors were boring, but the information wasn't."

While they were there, Quebec's Winter Carnival was just ending, so they got to see a snow palace as well as snow and ice sculptures.

The final evening of the trip was spent cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and tobogganing on the Plains of Abraham.

The trip was arranged by Interface, a group that organizes cultural exchanges between French and English speaking regions. Mrs. Smith felt "The students improved their French greatly."

The people who who went were Mrs. Smith, Mr. Lord, Brad Colson, Josh Leyden, Meg Frazier, Cathy Morong, Jennifer Bradley-Swift, Jennifer Brutt, Jennifer Brudnicki, Sarah Cushman, Karen Humphry, Daphney Turcotte, Julie Levesque, Robin Deay, and Emily Grace.

Grace said, "Things were rushed because we had so many things planned; it was fun, though." Mrs. Smith felt the trip was beneficial because "One of the best ways to learn a language is to be immersed in the language, where everything you hear is in that language."

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Senior Follies- A director's point of view

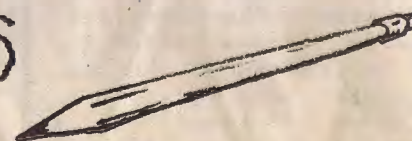
by Tim Myers

The first thing I was told when I found out I was to be one of the directors of Senior Follies '92 was that I would become more tired than I had ever been before. Throughout the process I was determined that the show would come out good - for both the students participating and for the audience watching. The first few pot luck dinners were rather discouraging: people seemed more interested in dessert than in follies. Even with disgruntled seniors, follies was moved to March, things started to pick up. Pot luck dinners became writing sessions which turned into rehearsals (90% of which were writing sessions in disguise). But finally performance night came; the night where all the Seniors hard work paid off.

The last week of preparation is still quite vivid in my mind (it just ended last night). That involved trying to get proper light cues together, getting props to the show, and making sure that everyone's skit was getting across the desired effect while still maintaining a sense of decency (with limited results); Another problem involved trying to figure out how to safely create a large, loud, and bright explosion without creating too large of a charged area on the stage (incidentally the fire extinguishers on stage do a very poor job on blazes made of flash powder). Then, there was the task of trying to keep up in my classes and convince my teachers that I really did care about about the subjects being studied.

In the long run, it's hard for me to say whether or not Follies '92 was a success. Regardless of the audiences opinion, the Senior class seemed to enjoy themselves. As for myself, I'm just glad I survived.

HELPING HANNAH HAS HEALING HINTS



Lack of bathroom doors raise a ruckus

By Erik Carney

Is it appropriate that the bathroom doors are chained open? This has been a question that the student body has been asking the administration since last year.

Seniors Zack Hamilton and Annie Noard felt the reason that the doors were chained open was, "so that they, (the administration and faculty) could watch us going to the bathroom."

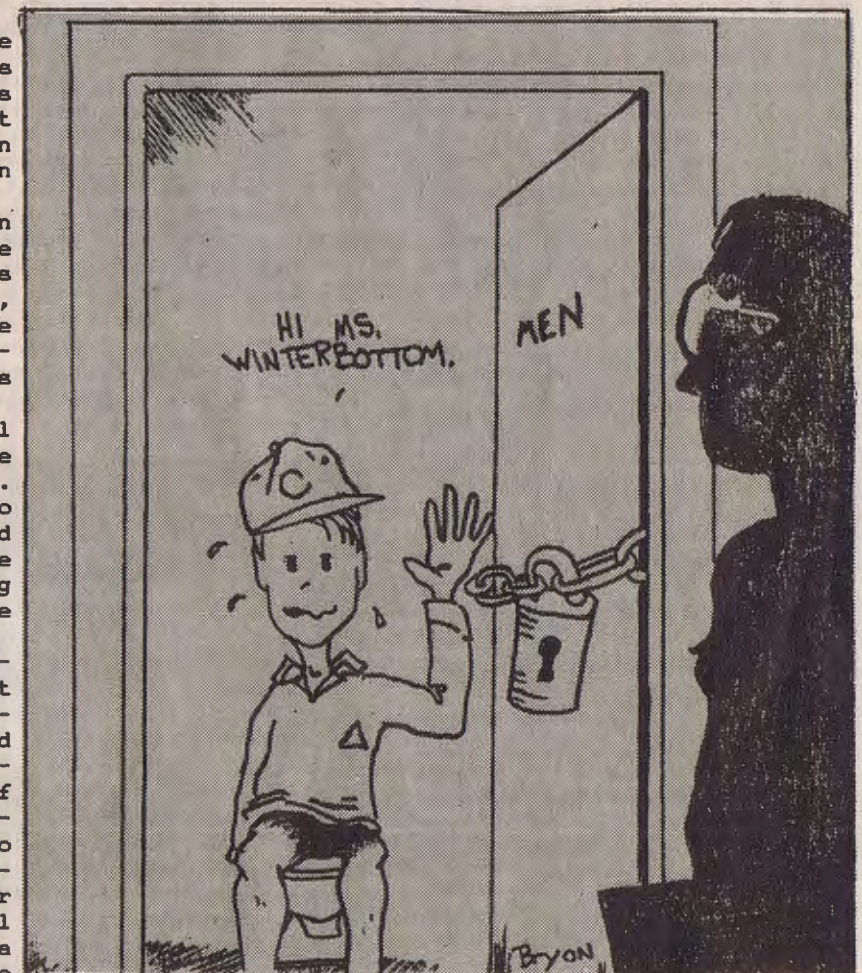
Some others feel differently towards the action that was taken. Ms. Brown and Mr. Shapiro felt that the one and only reason for the bathroom doors being chained open was, "the smoking and vandalism."

It is also interesting to find out that some teachers and administrators did not find the action to be an intrusion of privacy. If the faculty and administrators chose not to use the students bathrooms they have another option. A one-stall bathroom (equipped with a lock) is located in the guidance office. If that one is occupied then there is a separate men and women bathroom located in the faculty office area.

But what about the majority of the school? The student body. Were do we go? So in order for the smoking and vandalism to stop there must be something done. The suggestion of a smoke alarm and a peer monitoring group were brought up by the three building administrators. Mrs. Baxter felt that, "it would be nice to think that we do not need a monitoring system."

Mr. Perry and Annie Noard feel that, "nothing more could be done." The only other option that the school has is to re-establish a smoking area.

From this student's



point of view, it appears school building."

Ms. Brown and the school board took it a step further. Making it a school board policy that there would be no smoking (by the students) on school grounds. What about the teachers? Every once in a while the wandering eye can catch a teacher leaving the building for a cigarette. The students, however have to stay in the school.

The next step would be to try and find an area outside of the building where the smokers could smoke. Students felt that the smoking could be outside in the back near the benches, music room or out front across the street. The area would have to be kept clean and could be used during lunch and free periods. Is this a bad proposal?

Ms. Winterbottom said that she had mixed feelings about the question. "I realize that I can not support a smoking area, but it is not out of the question. I have been to a school before that had a smoking area and it seemed to work fine."

In 1987 the O.R.H.S. smoking area, which was located outside near the music room, was closed in compliance with the state law that said, "smoking is not permitted inside a

social life consists of is getting drunk. I myself don't drink and although I receive no peer pressure I still feel awkward when I am with them. What should I do?

Sober and Friendless

Dear Friendless,

I'm not exactly sure that you should feel like you have no friends just because you don't drink - maybe these people just aren't the type of friends that you need. There are more ways to have fun than being a designated driver for your drunken friends!

Dear Hannah,

I'm a girl whose parents won't let me

date. I'm scared that when they do, my inexperience at relationships will hinder my ability to be a good girlfriend. What do you suggest for a lasting love life?

In Dire Need of Help

Dear Helpless,

I don't think this problem is something that you should really lose sleep over. Every person blooms at different times in their lives and your parents decided to choose that time for you. Don't worry; just go with the flow.

Dear Hannah,

I have a problem- I think my boyfriend is cheating on me and I am almost positive that it is my best friend. Should I confront her or my boyfriend first?

Sincerely,

Spineless

Dear Spineless,

Neither your boyfriend

together. A real friend is someone you can trust and depend on. I suggest that you confront your boyfriend first and if your assumptions are correct, then maybe it's other friends who have no desire to cheat on your trust.

Dear Hannah,

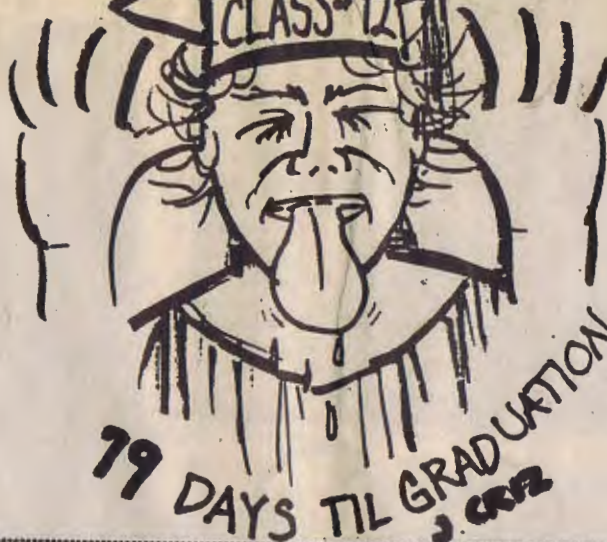
I don't know how to address this problem other than to come out and say it- I am participating in a sexual relationship right now and I am very scared. I am very in love with my partner and I know for a fact that he is "safe" yet I am still very afraid of contracting/catching the AIDS virus and other sexually transmitted diseases.

I truly believe in safe sex but I am also shy and embarrassed about buying condoms in a drug store where people can see me. Is there any other alternative ways for me to get condoms? Does anyone else have this problem??

Embarrassed

Dear Embarrassed,

This is a very touchy subject because I, myself feel that condoms should be available in the school bathrooms or locker rooms. I feel that this way while you are in the privacy of the closed doors buying the CONDOM!! it will be much more private and easily accessible for students. But for now, I think that whether you are embarrassed or not, sex now-a-days can be a matter of life and death; so I suggest that if you are going to engage in sexual intercourse that you find a way to protect yourself.



MORE ENTERTAINMENT IN M.O.R., SURVEY SAYS

by Mary McCleery

In a recent poll taken on student opinion of the Mouth of the River, students expressed a strong opinion to keep the focus of the paper on the school and students, not on world, national, state, or social issues. 52% of those who answered felt that adding more articles about events outside of school would be a mistake. "We can read a regular paper for that" said one senior. One freshman said "It's for the school, it should be about the school."

Fifty-three per cent of the students polled preferred more entertainment and sports rather six per cent of those polled felt that the important issues are being covered well. Yet 44% felt that we should improve the paper before adding to it. One junior felt that occasionally

important facts are being left out while one senior stated that the overall writing needs improvement.

Many students expressed interest in adding word games and contests to the paper. Other suggestions have been want ads, a calendar for upcoming events, and an opinion column.

Changes to the look of the paper will be made either this year or next year. New Desktop Publishing equipment has been approved by the budget committee. Mr. Tappen feels that this means Oyster River is "Catching up with most Seacoast High Schools with state of the art computer layout on a large screen monitor."

This means that the Mouth of the River will have a more finished look.

Thanks for the your opinions.

By: Shannon Veno

Senior Follies is a tradition. Year after year each senior class has gotten their ideas together, written scripts, gone to rehearsals, and put on the show, about mid-May. But not this year.

This year the administration and some teachers got together and decided that it would be more beneficial to the students, the seniors, if follies was not held so close to the end of the year. They felt that during the weeks of May, when classes are coming close to an end, was a poor time to put another demand on the senior students. Well, this may be the mutual feeling of some teachers and the administration, but the senior class, for the majority, agrees that it was a poor decision.

One student felt that having follies early "is ruining senior follies, ruining senior class spirit, and ruining the senior class."

Scott Poteet commented, "I think it should have been a student decision."

When asked why the students were not consulted on this decision, Ms. Brown stated that, "There wasn't time."

Jim Spires also felt

that it should have been a student decision and said, "We earned senior follies."

Another point that was made was that with the basketball play-offs and the beginning of spring sports, there was too much conflict. However, Mrs. Brown felt that this would still be a problem in April or May.

The point comes up again, however, about the administration not having the time to discuss this change with the senior class. It seems more likely that they didn't want to have to deal with the students, not that they didn't have the time. The administration needs to realize that the student body should be allowed to voice their opinion on matters that involve them directly. If the seniors had at least been heard, then possibly there would not be such a bad feeling about the change. Also a discussion with the students might have caused the administration to realize that the decision to change the date might not cause the great changes they think it will. As senior James Dolan said, "Senior follies use to represent the end of the year, and it still does."



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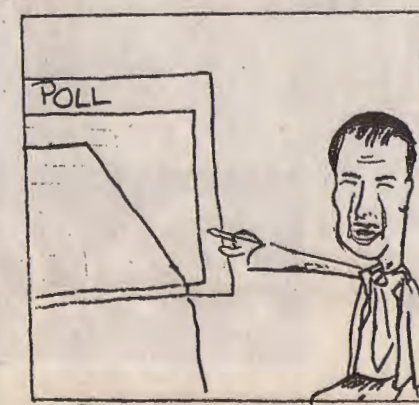
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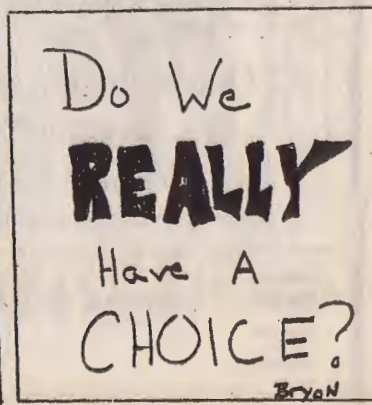
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CONDOM DISTRIBUTION COMING TO ORHS?

by Sarah Dugas

Is the distribution of condoms on school grounds advocating teenage sexual activity?

It's the day before the big date. You think, "Tonight might be The Night," but you don't want to go out and buy condoms at the neighborhood drugstore. What if she doesn't think you're ready to have sex yet? Anyway, it's just too embarrassing. Or is it? If you're ready to have sex, shouldn't you be ready to buy the condoms yourself? After all, it is your life that you are trying to save; but maybe those condoms should be made available more easily or discreetly, like at the school.

Some people feel that condoms should be very available, and free. One such group is Act Up, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power. It is an organization of men and women that have been distributing condoms in this area. Monday, March 16, found them at Spaulding High School. They are strongly advocating the use of condoms and providing information on how to use prophylactics.

The fact still remains, the spread of AIDS and other STD's is because many people are too negligent when it concerns their own protection. No one thinks anything is going to happen to him/her personally.

The faculty at Oyster

River High School have discussed condom distribution at school. The main concern seems to be if there is any way to have condoms available without actually advocating sex among teenagers.

Currently at O.R.H.S., 6% of the students are known to have, or have had, a sexually transmitted disease (STD). This is only those who have reported themselves to Mrs. Reeves, school nurse. There may be others that are unreported. This in itself should be ample reason to want to protect oneself. This is before even going into the fact that without contraception, pregnancy is possible.

One suggestion for distribution is to have the condoms made available in the Peer Outreach room, but it is allegedly feared by some that the free condoms would be abused and not used for their original purpose.

Freshman Chantal Grady said, "I believe that condoms should be distributed in school from the Peer Outreach room. It should be done confidentially, and then the person can talk to a Peer Outreach member about it if they want."

Another suggestion is that the machine would be in the bathrooms and one would have to deposit the specified amount of money and a condom would be

dispensed. It would be confidential, and the

condoms wouldn't be free, so those that would be likely to abuse the distribution would be wasting their money, not the school's.

Junior Scott Troxell said, I think they should [put a machine in] because people might be embarrassed to go to a store and buy them but they're still going to have sex anyway, and it's not going to put sex in your head if you weren't going to do it anyway.

Junior Monica Dufour expressed another opinion, saying "I think that condoms should be distributed in the school, but the nurse should be the one distributing them confidentially."

Ms. Houseman, Biology teacher said, "In my personal opinion, they should be made available for a nominal fee, but I have mixed feelings about how they should be distributed. If people were mature enough not to abuse the machine, they should be available from a machine, but if not, there should be a person attached to the distribution so some education is involved."

Ms. Mary Kishbaugh, Home Economics teacher said, "I believe that condoms should be distributed in school and that it isn't advocating sex among those that weren't going to have it to begin with. As to how and where they should be distributed, I don't know. It all depends on how maturely students would react to it."

TRIVIA CONTEST

- 1) What are the names of the Durham swans?
- 2) What is the name of Durham House of Pizza's original owner. (His portrait is located within D.H.O.P.)
- 3) What is Madbury's richest natural resource?
- 4) How many stools are there at the counter of the Gateway in Lee?
- 5) In Lee, why is Killer Hill called Killer Hill?
- 6) How many hours a day is Store 24 open?
- 7) In what year was Oyster River High School built?
- 8) In what year was Madbury founded?
- 9) How many full time officers are employed by the Durham Police department?
- 10) Name the team with the most state titles in Oyster River history.
- 11) Who won the election for town council of Durham?
- 12) Name all of the members of the Oyster River School Board.

Contest: After you have correctly answered all of the questions, or as many as you can, turn this form in to Room 113, c/o Mr. Tappan. A prize will be awarded to the lucky winner.



Hold on to your crystals and ...

CHECK YOUR HOROSCOPE!



By Greg Provencher,
Erin McNelly

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Don't take your studies too seriously because the North Star, Oyster River, Battle Star Gallictica, and the Starship Enterprise are all aligned causing a polarized mind drain.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Attention all you smokers; your smoking section will be denied! 6 students suspended, another expelled, and a teacher fired for smoking in the Bathroom. Stop dipping Nodiak and start chewing

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Be aware of a dark, tanned, Italian man wearing Gitano jeans. He's a representative for Vidal Sassoon and if he doesn't look good...You don't look good.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Don't let bullies pick on you this month. Call Fred Vallarie and tell him that Daniel Son sent you. And if that doesn't work call sansei Fitzpatrick at 1-800-TAI-CHI. SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You will encounter a man wearing blue and driving a black and white. He



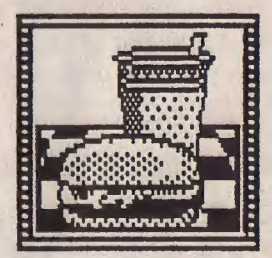
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May 21 to June 20)
According to Kool in the
Gang, "There is a party
going on right here. So
bring your good times,
and your laughter too,
were going to celebrate,
gonna party with you."
CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
You'll meet somebody
named Vinny, and he's
really going to show you
how to dance. And you'll
dance forever because
you're Staying Alive!
LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Keep a close eye on your
friends. One might have
secretly had a sex change
and might be hitting on
you. If you are the
friend who has had the
sex change, we'll see you
on Geraldo this Thursday.
VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
If you are sick, don't
waste your money on heal-
ing crystals; they don't
work, damn it. Order the
book of Home Remedies
now!



And as our good friend
T.J. would say, "Stay on
the right side of the
law."
CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan 19)
You are independent.
Apply for Northeast
Tractor Trailer and on
the road you can be your
own boss. And speaking
of the Boss, his new re-
cord bites; don't buy it.
AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Oh no...more hair down
the drain! You're headed
for greatness. You will
not only be a member but
also the president for
Hair Club for Men. Teach-
ers are the leaders of
the next generation;
don't be afraid to take
the first step.
PICIES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
If you have read this
far, you must really be
a loser. See you next
issue. Remember when
someone asks you when the
best Senior Follies were,
say 1992.

Fishkel and Eggbert

Wayne's World and Thelma and Louise

Yeah right! As if!!
No really, all you ambi-
dextrous fans of Satur-
day Night Live and movie
spoofs don't see this
flick (unless you want to
hurl technicolor chunks
of last night's supper) it
sucks! Not!!

Hey, if you're hold-
ing back from seeing this
excellent (ly estrano)
film because you think it
sounds sightly stupid,
pointless, with no real
deep-defying plot, try
watching Bugs Bunny and
finding him "shwingly"
attractive in a dress!

And girls, if you do
not want to tell your
fellow soulmate the real
reason you want to see
Wayne's World; you heard
that the sexy babe Wayne
sings Happy Birthday
(yes, just like Marilyn)
in his wedgied under-
wear, tell him: "Well,
I've just gotta see Rob
Lowe!" So hurry up and
get to the theatre now,
or you'll miss Alice
Cooper's philosophy!

This movie gets two
toes up.

You've seen the pre-
views, you've heard the
comments...but what is
this movie really about?
Two attractive women
taking a vacation in a
shining convertible model

- T? Yes, but their in-
nocent vacation becomes a
run for life or death.

Thelma is a housewife
of an egotistical jerk
who doesn't allow her any
freedom.

Louise is a waitress
with a toughened atti-
tude and a spark for fun.

Together, as friends,
they get themselves into
quite a few large prob-
lems - including polite
armed robbery.

Though this movie
seems shallow on the out-
side, it really has a
deeper meaning concern-
ing womens rights in de-
fending themselves.

Thelma and Louise is
equipped with every-
thing, not excluding a
rastafarian on a mountain
bike. You may not want
to watch it with your
parents. There are a few
steamy sex scenes and
quite a lot of naughty
words (which of course
you've never heard be-
fore!) But you should
see it. This movie re-
ceives one big toe and
three other members of
the orchestra.

Movie Review



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In October of 1992, one and a half million high school students will take the PSAT (Preliminary School Aptitude Test). Will you be among the number? Had you given the PSAT any thought at all? "Many students and their parents think the PSAT is just a practice test for the SAT," states Janet Ronkin, founder and president of the Ronkin Educational Group, which has a center in Portsmouth. Although this is incorrect, we bet you may have thought so as well. If so, we encourage you to read on and discover the importance of the PSAT to your academic career.

The PSAT is a standardized multiple-choice test that consists of two fifty-minute sections that test verbal and math skills. The types of questions are very similar to those on the SAT. If the letters "SAT" leave you in a panic, do consider the many benefits of taking the PSAT.

Few students realize that they are throwing away a chance at scholarship money when they decide not to take the PSAT. The PSAT is used as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT); the National Merit Scholarship Program is the

largest national scholarship program in the country. After the tests are graded, the College Board sends the scores to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The NMSC then recalculates the scores and ranks the students from highest to lowest within each state. From these lists, the NMSC selects the top 5 percent from each state to receive a prestigious "National Merit Commendation."

If, after you take the PSAT, you are in the top one-half of one percent from your state, you will receive a letter notifying you that you are National Merit Semi-Finalist, along with a Finalist Application. This is quite an accomplishment, but the work isn't over yet. The application will require you to submit your grades, SAT scores, and a recommendation from your high school principal. If these three factors are in the "same range" as your PSAT score, you will be recognized as a National Merit Finalist with a \$2,500 award. For two hours of your time on a Saturday morning, \$2,500 is exceptional compensation.

Even if your scores are

not high enough to make you a National Merit Semi-Finalist, all is not lost. The PSAT registration form also contains questions used for the Student Search Service. These optional questions allow you to identify the characteristics of the type of college that you would most likely to attend. Based on the forms, colleges send information to students whom they feel match their institution. The better your score, the more desirable you will be to compatible schools, not to mention all the mail you will receive.

Lastly, the PSAT provides good practice for taking the SAT. The college Board, which administers the SAT, feels that students should not walk in and take the test without prior preparation. This was the purpose behind creating the PSAT exam, as it gives students the chance to be exposed to the types of questions that they will encounter on the SAT. However, the PSAT has developed beyond its original intent and many admission officers and guidance counselors advise taking the PSAT before the junior year in high school. Some students are even encouraged

to take the test as young as the sixth grade. Giving up your scholarship to a sixth grade genius is not at all appealing, so you must take the test to prevent this from happening.

It is critical for you, as a high school student looking ahead to college, to understand the importance of this exam as it relates to practicing for the SAT, qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship Program, and becoming involved in the Student Search Service. Like any other academic test, the more you study and put into the PSAT, the more you will get out.

In your search for the right college, learning of effective study skills, or in getting financial aid, Ronkin at Harbour Place can be a source of help. We want you to get to college, and getting through the PSAT is only the first step. We'll be here for you every step of the way.

For more information about the PSAT, the Ronkin Educational Group's programs, call Jacqui Van Ham at (603) 436-3411 or dial 1-800-2-TEST-HI.



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**Be Sure Your Open Mind
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in Your Head**

New light shed on winter Blahs

by Abby Burton

Have you felt sad, depressed, or perpetually tired over these past winter months? If you test negative for mono and other diseases, you could be suffering from S.A.D., Seasonal Affective Disorder, your body's biological response to winter.

The phenomenon of seasonal mood changes have been observed for

stimulation of the part of the brain that controls emotions and basic body functions. People suffering from S.A.D. feel less energetic, less sociable, want to withdraw from other people, desire to sleep to the point of hibernation, feel depressed with a strong inability to cope, and tend to crave sweet and starchy foods thus gain-

ple. High intensity fluorescent lights, that are five times brighter than regular lights, are used for a half hour a day in the fall to up to five or six hours in the winter months.

Nurse Peg Reeves commented that their is a new treatment for it involving a goggle-type apparatus that emits fluorescent light into the eyes providing a sense of well-being by stimulating



weather for example, how we dress, spending our lunch or free periods indoors or outdoors, driving conditions, etc. Differences in activity according to the weather is more or less a given. S.A.D. specifically deals with light as it varies from season to season thus directly affecting human body functions, as studies now show.

Deficiency of light affects the production of the reproduction hormone melatonin and less light to the eyes lowers the

the summer as well with such symptoms as insomnia, low appetite and loss of weight. Women are four times as likely to suffer from S.A.D. as men. Studies show that about one quarter of the population is affected by S.A.D. while six percent of Americans have officially diagnosed, full blown symptoms. These cases are characterized by interference in the patient's job and relationships.

Treatment of this disorder is fairly sim-

pled, symptoms of S.A.D. could be found in some students but with all other variables going on throughout the school year, "There is too much going on in a high school students life to pinpoint it (depression, etc.) to S.A.D."

Megan Mieras said, "I just call it the winter blahs. Right around February, it takes a lot to make me smile."

Winter blahs or a treatable disorder? More light could be the answer.



Left to Right clockwise: Sarah Dugas, Seth D., Briana C., Study Frank, John, Chad F. Hi-yaa, Nature is Ugly.

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Tennis Outlook: Optimistic

by Greg Provencher

On March 16, both the boys and girls tennis teams dug deep into their closets and wiped the dust of their rackets and started preparing for another season. The girls will be coached by Mrs. Ginger Craig, and the boys by her husband Mr. Tim Craig.

This year's boy's team will be led by returning seniors Nathan Weeks and Frank Sabin. There are a good number of juniors this year, lead by returning seeded players: Christophe Cloitre, Darren Miller, and Owen Bruder. Coach Craig stated, "We have the potential for a successful season and it all depends on how hard we want to work."

This year there are around twenty five people going out for the team. Coach Craig's philosophy is that tennis is a game for life and anyone can play. He would like to accommodate everyone with the addition of a Junior Varsity Team.

There is only one single's player and number three doubles returning this year. Weeks commented on the make up of the team, "There are a lot of good tennis players out for the team this year and with their talent we should have a great season ahead of us."

The team had a successful season last year making it all the way to the finals. Miller con-

veyed, "We lost a lot of seniors last year, but I feel optimistic about the season and with the addition of the new wind nets our state championship possibilities are increased dramatically."

The turnover for the girls' team is better than the guys with four of its top six seeded players returning. They are seniors Meredith Sawyer and Mandy Tappan, and juniors Jen Friel, and Jill Shapiro.

According to Coach Craig, "We have twenty-seven wonderful and talented girls coming out for the team this year." She added, "There is also going to be a hard decision between the top twelve and fourteen players."

On the upcoming season Sawyer commented, "We have a lot of potential this year because we have a strong top six seeds and the lower seeds are really strong, too."

Last year the girls made it to the quarter finals and hope to improve on that finish. According to Coach Craig, That was the first time "in many years" that the girls have made it that far. Tappan added, "I know that everyone has been practicing over the winter and I think we are going to have a successful season ahead of us."

Hopefully both of the tennis teams will build on their success from last year and bring home state championships.

LET'S GET ACTIVE!

HIKING, BIKING, ROCK CLIMBING

by Tammie Spencer

Spring is coming!! and with the warming weather will come the shedding of bulky clothing and lazy winter attitudes, you'll want to

concept! Anyways, the most popular cycling is mountain biking, which is taking an equipped bicycle out on rugged terrain and bouncing around until your brains are



Russ Warren and Mike Northrop Compete at New England Track and Field Championships

At Brown University at the New England Track Championships, two O.R. students made an appearance on March 14th. Russ Warren ran the 1600m and placed 8th out of 24 people who qualified. Mike Northrop ran the 3000m and placed 6th.

The New England Championships marked the end of the winter track season. On March 14th Warren and Northrop went down to Brown University to compete. Warren in the 1600m and Northrop in the 3000m. Both qualified after running their events in the state meet.

Out of 24 runners who qualified for the 1600m, Russ Warren placed 8th with a time of 4:52, just 2 seconds off of his personal record. Mike Northrop came in 6th out of the thirteen runners in the 3000m. He had a personal best time of 9:58.

This year's regular season seemed to go by quickly, Warren noticed. He also commented on the harder competition, although he says he has "done better than before and is still improving."

Warren not only made it to the New England

Championships but is also the first person to have scored over 100 points since Joe Sczatelli has been coaching. In the winter track season Warren scored a total of 105.25 points, points being awarded for each time an athlete placed in the top 6 of a race.

In the regular season, Warren competes in the 1600m, as well as in the 1000m, 600m, 55 hurdles, high jump, long jump, and 4 x 400m relay. Northrop runs the 3000m, 1500m, 1000m, and the 600m.

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Thus far in the pre-season OR has been practicing basic, solid fundamentals with hitting, throwing, and fielding. In addition Welch commented, "We have been working on situation things with hitting as well as fielding."

As far as the potential for this year's softball team, Welch commented, "As long as our attitude is right and our self esteem high our potential is unlimited."

The Bobcats will begin their tough 1992 softball schedule on April 6, as they take on perennial powerhouse Somersworth in their season opener.

Members of OR's softball team this year is senior Tory Jennison, juniors Erica Along and Karrie Smith, sophomores Anita Pudil, Kim Golding, Diane Jennison, Quincy Souza, Maggie Jentes, and Lori Anderson, 9th graders Sarah Varney, Kim Eddy, Katherine Fernald, Missy Dumont, Kim Jennison, and Kelly DeForest.

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to Somersworth to begin the 1992 baseball season in hope of reinstalling the winning tradition to the OR baseball program.

Swim Team Finishes Season Placing Sixth at Meet

By Sarah Dugas

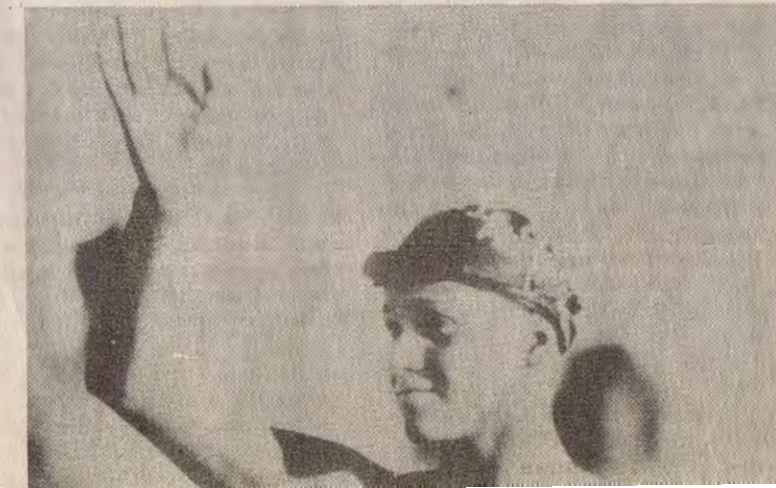
Oyster River High School came in sixth at the State Swim meet held on Saturday, February 15 at UNH. According to senior Mary McCleary, "In the past we've placed much better." Junior Steve Crawford stated, "We were able to beat most of the teams we had meets against even though they were much bigger than us."

Swimmers on the team are Meg Frazer, Liz Bucar, Larissa Herold, Mary McCleary, Kelly

Larissa Herold, Mary McCleary, Todd Whitford, and Jeff Lang. They qualified to continue into the second round of competition held in the afternoon.

Exeter won for the sixth year in a row. According to Meg Frazer, "We really did well considering there were only eleven of us there."

The coaches of the Oyster River team are Bill Reeves and Mike Parratto. The latter is also the coach of Olympic swimmer, Jenny Thompson.



of outdoor oriented activities, (not only "granolas" do them!), to get you off your butt and into the spirit-of-the-end-of-school!!

Hiking, huh? Gee what's that? Well, it's a verb and by Merriam-Webster dictionary it means to take a long walk. Usually hiking is referred to as "climbing" a mountain, such as the ever popular Mt. Chocorua in Chocorua, N.H. (about one hour minutes north). This hiking thing is usually done with a group of friends clad in hiking boots and backpacks filled with all sorts of fun and interesting hiking supplies. Depending on your physical condition, it takes approximately two hours to reach the peak (we're talking about Chocorua!!)

At the peak you can do numerous things: bask in the N.H. sun, eat lunch, look at the scenery, or just plain hang out.

You may even be able to convince one of your science or english teachers to take you on this sort of "hike" !!

Now comes biking, no wait, don't ask, I'll tell you. It's to use a bike! No Way! What a

great exercise, and hey, you're outdoors right!?! (To inform those unknowing people out there, you don't actually ride the bike straight up a mountain!!).

Now for rock climbing, an excellent sport if I may say so, rock climbing is NOT the same as hiking and should not be done without the proper knowledge or equipment. (This is your mother speaking!!).

Rock climbing can be defined as escalating a semi-vertical mass with the aid of ropes.

A popular place for beginners is Pawtuckaway, which has lower rocks. For lead climbing or more expert climbers, Cathedral Ledge in Conway, N.H. is a great place. You can also receive lessons there.

EMS and REI also teach beginning courses. Check out those places if you want to learn a great new sport.

And this concludes my spring fling article, I hope it has semi-inspired you to shut off the T.V. some sunny day, and go

outdoors!

Have a great spring!!

family picnic

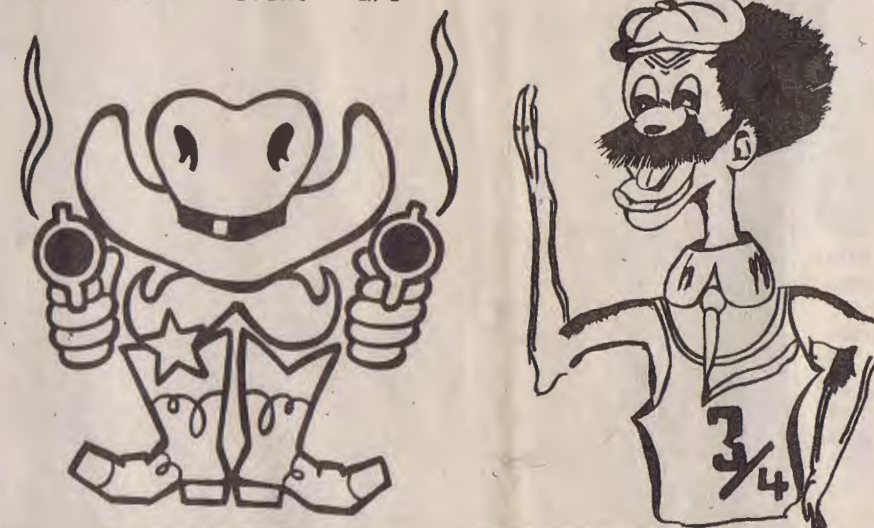
Steve Crawford (wasn't at the meet), Gabe Brown, Mike Johnston, and Amy Priestly. The captains of the team are Liz Bucar, Larissa Herold, and Mary McCleary.

The four swimmers that placed in the top twelve of their event are

Olympic trials after placing first in all the event she competed in. In the trials she placed 32nd in the 200 meter backstroke and 10th in the 100 meter backstroke. She also competed in the 100 meter butterfly.



Larissa Herold



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BOBCATS TAKE CLASS I TITLE AGAINST CON-VAL

by Ryan Souza and Mark DeRocchi

The Oyster River Bobcats won their second state title in five years, complementing the 1988 season. They defeated ConVal (seeded #1 with a 19-1 record) 58-51 in overtime Saturday night March 7.

When compared to the 1988 team, this year's team is about the same size. The only difference is the record. The 1988 team finished the regular season 15-3 and this year's team finished 14-4.

The Bobcats were seeded number three in the Class I state tournament, thus giving them a bye for the first round.

Their first game of the tournament was against number six Timberlane. The Owls and Bobcats had met previously in the last game of the regular season. In that game, Timberlane beat Oyster River by four points. Commenting on the game, head coach Dan Maynard said, "I hope losing to them will work for us and not for them."

He went on to say, "We don't plan to lose again."

The Bobcats started the game slowly and quickly fell behind 9-0. But behind Allan Conlan, who had 24 points and 16

ed the second quarter with a 14-0 run and led 23-19 at the half. With thirteen seconds left, and the game tied at 52,

the Bobcats inbounded the ball to Russ DeForest who in turn threw the ball downcourt to Bryan Rutland. Rutland laid the ball up and in for the victory. Rutland, commenting on the basket, conveyed, "I didn't think I'd catch it, but when I did I thought I had a clear shot. I didn't (have a clear shot) but still put the ball up and watched it go in."

The win set up a game between Oyster River and Pembroke. Looking towards the game, coach Maynard said, "God I wish we could win! I'd do backflips to play in the game Saturday." Senior forward Dave Delude had this to say, "There is no doubt in my mind we can win if we start off fast. If we start off slow, it is going to be real trouble."

The Bobcats started early as Bryan Rutland, who scored 24 points in the game, had 16 points at the half to take the team to a 25-23 halftime lead.

Behind Rutland and Allan Conlan (17 points, 17 rebounds) Oyster River pulled ahead 37-27, but Pembroke fought back and

The Bobcats took the lead back at 51-50 leaving Pembroke three chances to win the game. With turnovers and good Bobcat defense, Oyster River held on to win the game and advance to the finals against number one ConVal.

The game was a battle of speed versus height with Oyster River being the speed and ConVal the height. All five ConVal starters were above six feet compared to Oyster River's three.

ConVal started off the game with an 18-4 run leaving Oyster River to face a blowout. The Bobcats used a Bryan Rutland surge of 17 points to pull them within six at the half (32-26). In the second half, the Bobcats started to play together after ConVal built up another 14 point lead. Behind Scott Poteet's and Kevin Haley's three point field goals, Oyster River pulled within striking distance going into the fourth quarter. A Bobcat lead was finally reached on three pointers by Poteet and Haley. The teams traded baskets and lead changes near the end of the fourth until the score was 51-51. A foul put Russ DeForest on the line for two shots with 1.9 seconds left in regulation. Unfortunately, he missed them both.



O.R. fans swarm the court at the Championship game vs Con-val

three minute overtime.

In the overtime period, ConVal was held scoreless. The Bobcat points came from a basket by Conlan and free throws by Poteet, Haley, and DeForest.

With an extremely happy crowd and an ecstatic team, the floor was covered as everyone realized that Oyster River was now Class I State Champions.

Conlan said, "Going into the game, we didn't really know what to expect from ConVal. We knew they were good, but if they wanted to finish number one, they would have had to go through

Baseball - Softball: Have High Hopes for Successful Spring Season

By Gabe Wallman,

Following two disappointing three victory seasons the 1992 edition of the Oyster River baseball team is looking forward to a prosperous year led by coach Jerry LaChance.

The Bobcats were haunted by errors during last year's campaign, as they committed 97 of them in their 3-15 season. As a result, during the pre-season OR has been concentrating on fundamentals. LaChance commented, "During preseason everything is basics, with ground balls as well as throwing."

Injuries also plagued the 'Cats last year. The biggest setback to OR's season was the fact that Greg Provencher last year's number one pitcher only hurled 16 innings due to inflamed ligaments in his throwing arm.

However, barring injuries to which LaChance is paying close attention to, the pitching should be this year's major strength as OR has two outstanding southpaws in Erin McNelly and Greg Provencher.

The Bobcats for the first time since they went undefeated and won the state championship in 1989 are looking forward to a season where their bench players will be extremely strong. In the past Coach LaChance has been unable to use his bench players, but this year he thinks this will all change. Speaking of

this year's bench play he commented, "In the past if a player went 0-12 at the plate there was no worry because there was no one to take his place." He adds, "Because of the great competition this year, if a player goes 0-6 there is someone waiting to get his shot."

He went on to say that he has two legitimate players at every infield position. He plans on using all his players for the games which will give

the 'Cats incredible depth this year.

OR has a nice blend of talent with good senior leadership as well as sophomores that have the talent needed to make the jump to varsity during the upcoming season.

As for the expectations for this year's OR baseball team, Coach LaChance wants them to make the playoffs and be better than last years team. But, commented, "On any given day we have the ability to beat anybody."

In order to have a successful year though OR must play fundamentally sound baseball and cut down on their errors greatly. LaChance said that it would be ideal to have 1/4 of the errors that they committed last year.

As the Coach, LaChance is trying to bring different things to OR to contribute to this year's success. On this issue he commented, "I hope to bring discipline, fairness, and a desire to win." He wants however, the highlight of the season, for everyone to have fun as they have a trip planned to Coopers-town to go to the Hall of Fame and play a game against Hanover.

According to LaChance, this years teams to beat will be Somersworth, Pembroke, and Laconia. All of which have a lot of talent returning from last years teams.

Members of the Bobcats this year are seniors Greg Provencher, Erin McNelly, Ryan Souza, Kevin Haley, and Chad Fernald, juniors Mark DeRocchi, Andy Dumont, Jeff Stacy, Chris Jarard, Josh Stevens, and sophomores Tucker Katz, Matt Blasik, Scott McGarrell, George Taggart, and Randy Henry.

The moment of truth for the Bobcats begins on April 6, as they travel

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Spring Sports Season

First Three Home Dates

Track (Tentative)

4/16 - at Spaulding

4/21 - at Winnacunnet

4/25 - at Londonderry

Softball and Baseball

4/13 - Laconia

4/16 - Kingswood

5/1 - Somersworth

J.V. Baseball

4/15 - Phillips Exeter

4/27 - St. Thomas

5/4 - Exeter Fresh

Boys Tennis

4/6 - Goffstown

4/16 - Kingswood

5/1 - Derryfield

Girls Tennis

4/6 - Somersworth

4/7 - Mt. St. Mary

4/11 - Derryfield

by Gabe Wallman

The 1992 Oyster River softball team is looking forward to the upcoming season and rebound from last years disappointing season winless season

OR has revamped their coaching staff. This year Ed Sharon and Craig Welch have been nominated to work as co-coaches.

According to Coach Welch they haven't set expectations in form of wins and losses. However it is expected out of the players to play with a lot of pride, poise, and confidence.

The young coaches feel that they bring a lot of confidence and enthusiasm. On this, Coach Welch commented, "Because of our age we get along with the kids and understand how they are feeling."

Coach Welch feels that this years team will be able to out think and out hustle many teams. But, commented, "We can't depend on hitting and fielding because it hasn't developed yet."

He went on to say that other schools have softball programs that start early while the girls are in elementary school. This is where OR is at a disadvantage because they don't play serious softball until high school.

OR's most serious disadvantage this year will be their inexperience.

They only carry three upperclassmen, with the rest of the team consisting of sophomores and 9th graders.

Because of this it is essential for the OR softball to do other things to be competitive this year. Coach Welch commented, "We will do a lot of crazy stuff this year with stealing bunting, and suicides."

Welch thinks that although they have one of the toughest schedules in the state that they will be able to surprise people this year.



Hockey Team turns to next Year

By Donald Laferriere

Despite the poor season for the Oyster River Bobcats hockey team, the team put a lot of effort into each of their games. The team's record was 1-16-1. The OR Bobcats had a 5-1 victory over Winnacunnet.

During the season the coach told the players that, "they may not be the best skilled team, but are the hardest working." One sign of the team's dedication was that they got up every morning for a 5:15 practice at the U.N.H ice hockey rink. The team was comprised of seven freshmen, eight sophomores and four juniors.

The leading scorers were juniors John Hill and Owen Bruder and sophomore Tucker Katz. The captains were junior John Hill, and sophomores Mike Merenda and Scott McGarrel.

Coach Jeff Smith said "The team was young and this was a rebuilding year." The team has a lot of potential for the upcoming year. The players on the OR Bobcats varsity hockey Team were, Owen Bruder, Dan Gault, John Hill, Scott Troxell, Matt Blasik, Kasey Evans, Tucker Katz, Scott McGarrel, Mike Merenda, Ed Priestley, George Taggart, Ryan Bellabona, James Davenport, Sean Dolliver, Andrew Gault, Winthrop Puffer, Scott Spielmen and Bobcat goalie, Chris Williams.